



Sports Safety Conference

Protecting Our Youth on the Playing Field – Physically and Ethically

Thursday, December 6, 2012 – 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hofstra University
Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus

The *Long Island Youth Safety Coalition* is pleased to present a timely conference on sports safety. Sports is a marvelous part of youth development with a bounty of benefits. However, there is a dark side with a host of new dangers to guard against. We not only face the world of physical harm but also a range of social dangers including criminal assaults, bullying, sexual abuse, corruption, discrimination, and substance abuse. All of these pose not only great harm to our youth but considerable legal trouble to all who manage sports. District Attorney Kathleen M. Rice and our *Coalition* would like to engage our schools, youth agencies, and all who host sports programs, to work with us. We have gathered an array of talented presenters, workshops, and resources of practical value on all of these problems as well as gender issues, nutrition, medical perspectives, legalities, and concussions. The *Coalition* offers periodic island wide forums on critical topics and provides a forum for discussions and information exchange through the LI Youth Safety Listserv. If you are interested in joining or obtaining more information, contact the Nassau County District Attorney's Community Affairs office at (516) 571-1090, René.fiechter@nassauda.org

MORNING KEYNOTE SPEAKER: *Kenneth Kunken*

Kenneth Kunken is the Deputy Bureau Chief of the County Court Trial Bureau in the Nassau County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Kunken survived a catastrophic sports injury while at Cornell University. Permanently paralyzed from the shoulders down, he overcame the adversity and earned a BA in Engineering from Cornell, a MA in Education and a MA in Psychology from Columbia and a law degree from Hofstra. Mr. Kunken has testified before a United States Senate Sub-Committee on Health Care, chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy, and his life has been the subject of one of the Reverend Norman Vincent Peale's nationally syndicated radio broadcasts "The American Character." The *Ken Kunken Most Valuable Player Award* is presented annually by the Adirondack Trust Allegiance Bowl in Saratoga, New York in recognition of his personal accomplishments, contribution to society, and extraordinary courage.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

8:30-9:00	Registration and Breakfast
9:00-9:15	Welcome: Hofstra University Assistant Dean Jay Lewis and Assistant District Attorney René P. Fiechter
	Opening Remarks: District Attorney Kathleen M. Rice
9:15-9:30	Introduction and tour of the LI Youth Safety Coalition website
9:30-10:15	KEYNOTE: <i>Life is Beautiful – A Profile in Courage</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kenneth Kunken, Deputy Bureau Chief of the County Court Trial Bureau, Nassau County
10:15-11:15	Breakout Workshops I
11:15-12:15	Breakout Workshops II
12:15-1:15	Lunch
1:15-2:15	Breakout Workshops III
2:15-3:00	KEYNOTE: <i>The Challenge of Coaching Today's Youth</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rick Wolff, Sports Commentator
3:00	Raffle Drawing and Certificates of Completion

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE SPEAKER: *Rick Wolff*

Rick Wolff is a nationally known expert in the field of sports psychology and sports parenting. Often quoted by the media about the issues that face today's athletes, Wolff has written and lecture widely on the psychological pressures that accompany America's passion for sports. For the past 12 years, Wolff has hosted a weekly sports parenting program, "The Sports Edge," on WFAN Radio in New York City. Wolff has authored or co-authored 18 books, including four in the sports parenting field. One of his most recent efforts is the highly-acclaimed, *Parenting Young Athletes the Ripken Way*, which he co-authored with Cal Ripken, Jr. Wolff's most recent book is, *Harvard Boys: A Father's and Son's Adventures Playing Minor League Baseball*, which he co-authored with his son, John, who graduated from Harvard and who played professional baseball in the Chicago White Sox and New York Mets organizations.

BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS: Breakout Session I: 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Breakout Session II: 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Breakout Session III: 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

12. STUDENT ATHLETES AS ROLE MODELS. Realizing the great potential and impact that athletes can have in schools, community, and society as a whole, this session will reinforce the importance of developing young people into moral and ethical leaders. Understanding of the role that athletes play in helping to build a positive and healthy climate on a team, in a school, or in the community will be discussed – as well as a variety of topics including diversity, anti-bullying, and leadership. PRESENTER: Nancy S. Kaplan, Ed.D., Associate Vice President for Academic Support Services and Director of the University Freshman Center, St. John's University

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13. WIN 4 LIFE. The *Win4Life* mission is to prepare young people to be winners on and off the playing field and to introduce them to the 100+ careers behind the scene in pro sports. PRESENTER: Leslie Allen, Founder, Leslie Allen Foundation; *Win4Life Program*

14. THE POWER OF PARENTS: REDUCTION OF BINGE DRINKING IN STUDENT ATHLETES. With the knowledge that student athletes are more likely to binge drink than non-athletes, the *Power of Parents* can help reduce the chances that their children will engage in this destructive behavior. This program is based on scientifically proven results by Dr. Robert Turrissi and his colleagues at Penn State University. Free handbooks will be distributed to attendees to develop communication tools to talk to teens about the dangers of underage drinking. PRESENTER: Danielle Rella, Program Specialist, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

15. COACHING YOUTH SPORTS: BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU VOLUNTEER FOR! The presenters are active members of the LI Metropolitan Lacrosse Association of the PAL. They will discuss the legal issues and pitfalls confronting organizers and volunteers working with youth sports. This workshop was presented at the Bar Association of Nassau County. PRESENTERS: The Honorable Judge Christopher Quinn; Alan B. Hodish, Esq.

16. ATHLETICS AND DISABILITIES – NO LIMITS. Disabled athletes are competing at the highest level of sporting competition. From the top of Mt. Everest to the ocean floor and everywhere in between, physically challenged athletes are pushing the limits of endurance, competition, and the human spirit. This forum will introduce attendees to world class disabled athletes who will share their stories of accomplishment as well as the challenges, rewards, and precautions involved and necessary to their success. PRESENTER: Matthew Dwyer, Nassau County Office of the Physically Challenged

17. PENN STATE: COULD IT HAPPEN HERE? KEEPING YOUTH SAFE FROM SEXUAL ABUSE. If you run any kind of youth program, sports club, or athletic program, a sex offender will want to work for you. In most cases, molesters are trusted members of the community. Learn how to go beyond background checks and recognize the warning signs that an adult may be a threat to children in your program. Understand how to establish policies and practices that will help create safer environments for children to learn, play and grow. PRESENTER: Anthony Zenkus, LMSW, Director of Education and Mental Health Services, Coalition Against Child Abuse & Neglect

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Attendee Names and Breakout Session Choices:

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